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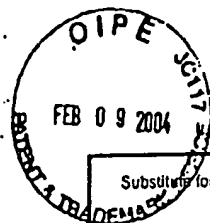
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	AV	<del>4,705,317</del>	<del>11/10/87</del>	<del>DiPisa, Jr.</del>	
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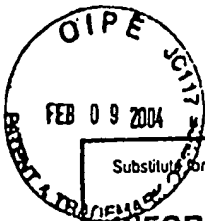
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	BU	5,370,682	12/94	Schmitt	
	BV	5,370,691	12/94	Samson	
	BW	5,387,235	2/95	Chuter	
	BX	5,397,345	3/14/95	Lazarus et al.	
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	CA	5,423,851	6/13/95	Samuels	
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	CD	5,464,449	11/95	Ryan et al.	
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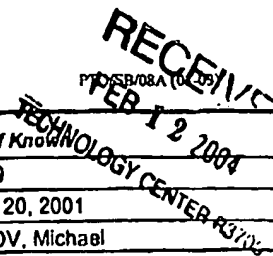
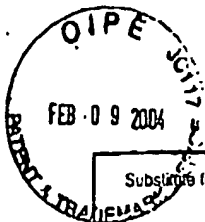
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	CP	5,562,726	10/96	Chuter	
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PBP	CW	5,591,229	1/7/1997	J. Parodi	
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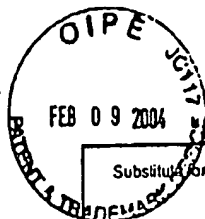


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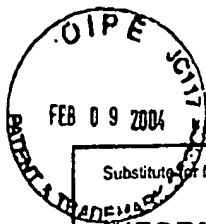
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	EZ	5,843,170	12/01/98	Ahn	
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	FH	5,968,090	10/19/99	Ratcliff et al.	
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	FL	5,984,956	11/16/99	Tweden et al.	
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	FN	5,993,481	11/99	Marcade et al.	
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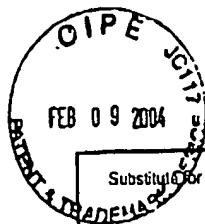
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PBP	GE	6,051,020	4/18/2000	G. Goicoechea, et al.	
	GF	<del>6,063,943</del>	<del>4/25/00</del>	<del>Edwin et al.</del>	
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	GH	<del>6,063,114</del>	<del>5/18/00</del>	<del>Nash et al.</del>	
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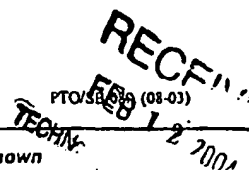
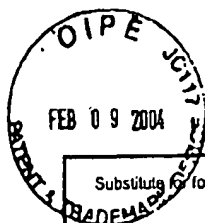
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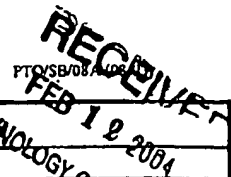
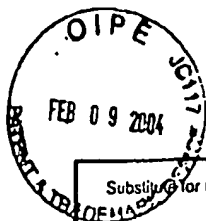
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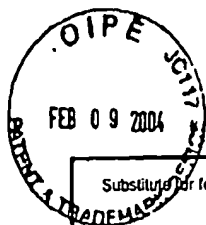
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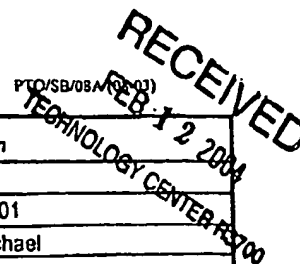
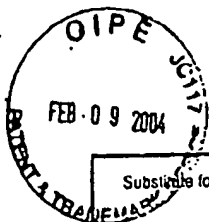
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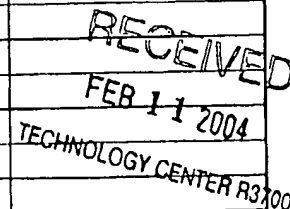
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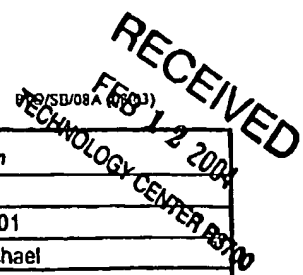
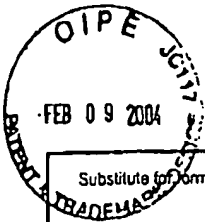
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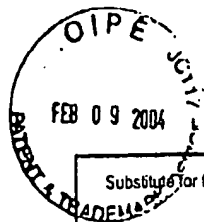
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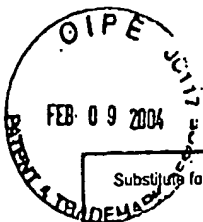
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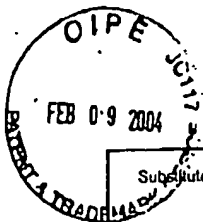
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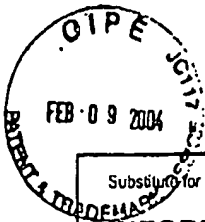
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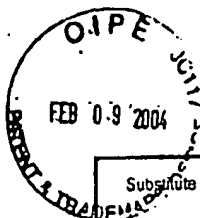
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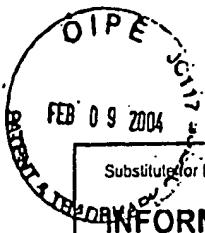
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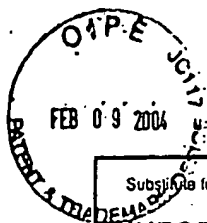
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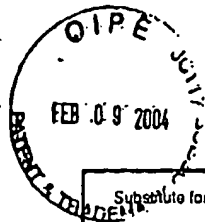
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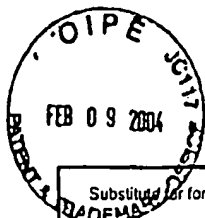
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